

April 20, 2011

ATTN: Dave Navecky -Docket No. FD35952
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are:

the long-term negative affect on our local, state and national economy, the
unnneeded wrecking of prime farmland when our current transportation can already
meet the need, and the best use of land is to produce food for the growing world
population. This land provides income for farmers who raise families and then
pass it on to their children who, in turn, raise their families on the land.
They pay their taxes, and support the local and county government, more than a
railroad would that is headquarted in another state or country. The quality of
schools, roads, law enforcement and emergency services will suffer. When the
farms are smaller, and split in half, they are harder to till and further debt
would be required, residents would be forced to move if they cannot get enough
land to support themselves. We know we already have a train system more than
sufficient to move our goods where needed. The state of Illinois will suffer long
after this could be built because of lower production, lower incomes and lower taxes
so we need you to stop this proposal for the betterment of all affected.

Respectfully Submitted

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